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Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" Is the Public Analyst authorized to undertake the work of analysing samples sent by private persons and companies? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" Notice, Sir."

Staff employed in the office of the Director of Public Health.

* 284 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the staff employed in the office of the Director of Public Health and also state the number of men drafted from Andhra Desa and from other principal linguistic areas?

A.—A statement [a] showing the staff employed in the office of the Director of Public Health is laid on the table. Only a peon of the staff belongs to Andhra Desa (Vizagapatam district) and most of the rest to the Tamil districts of the Presidency.

Village Panchayats

Appointment of District Panchayat Officers by the District Boards.

* 285 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what District Boards have applied to the Government for permission to appoint District Panchayat Officers?

A.—Applications were received from the Presidents of the District Boards of Chingleput, Cuddapah, East Godavari, Ramnad, Trichinopoly and Vizagapatam for Government sanction to the appointment of District Panchayat Officers. Thereupon the Government issued a general order (G.O. No. 887, L. & M., dated the 16th March 1931) stating that they had no objection to District Boards appointing for the time being, competent persons for work connected with the formation and supervision of panchayats.

Abolition of the Village Panchayats at Pedacherukur, etc.

* 286 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to his answer to question No. 432, dated 24th February 1931—

(*a*) whether the villagers have again memorialized to him; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take thereon?

A.—A representation has now been received and it is being transferred to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards for disposal with reference to the powers delegated to him in G.O. No. 498, L. & M., dated the 16th February 1931.

[a] Printed as Appendix XII on pages 157-159 infra.